

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
SHIRAS MOOSE, BIGHORN SHEEP, MOUNTAIN GOAT AUCTION LICENSE(S)

Rules for Conducting the License Auction

Background

The Montana State Legislature has authorized the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Commission to auction one male Shiras Moose license, one male Mountain Bighorn Sheep license, and one either-sex Mountain Goat license each year to provide funding for the substantial benefit of Montana's Shiras Moose, Mountain Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat, respectively. The legislative intent states that the FWP Commission shall:

- 1) consult with states, which have similar legislation;
- 2) strive to maximize the revenue generated by the auction;
- 3) select a method of auction which the commission perceives will best obtain the objective stated in (2) above; and
- 4) establish rules for use of the license

To date, proposals have been solicited from wildlife conservation organizations with an interest in conducting the license auction and the commission has selected a wildlife conservation organization involved in the conservation of Montana's Shiras Moose, Mountain Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat to conduct the license auction. Legislation requires that at least 90% of the license auction proceeds be returned to the MDFWP, and the organization or individual ~~benefits from the remaining~~ may retain up to 10% of the license auction proceeds to cover reasonable auction expenses. Organizations that opt to retain the up to 10% of the proceeds will be required to submit their expenses associated with the auction of the license.

The FWP Commission has three options to conduct the license auctions:

- 1) authorize the department to conduct the license auction;
- 2) authorize a wildlife conservation organization to conduct the license auction; or
- 3) solicit bids from individuals in addition to requests for proposals from wildlife conservation organizations to conduct the license auction.

Rules to Conduct the 2013 Auction

The FWP Commission authorizes the department to solicit proposals from wildlife conservation organizations to conduct the auction of the 2013 Shiras Moose auction license, Bighorn Sheep auction license, and the Mountain Goat auction license. In addition, the FWP Commission will consider bids for the auction licenses from individuals. Individual bids will be evaluated against the revenue generated through previous auctions in previous years. If an individual's bid is calculated by the commission to be comparable or greater than what might be received from the organizations submitting proposals for the auction, the commission may award the license to that individual and not select a conservation group to conduct the license auction. The commission reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals.

Procedure to be Used

The department will advertise the opportunity for individuals and organizations to submit proposals through media announcements and letters to organizations showing interest in previous years.

Individual bids for the licenses and proposals from organizations to conduct the 2013 Shiras Moose license auction, the 2013 Mountain Bighorn Sheep license auction, and 2013 Mountain Goat license auction shall be sent to the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Attn: License Section, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701 no later than Tuesday, July 17, 2012.

During the FWP Commission meeting on August 9, 2012, the Commission may select an individual bidder to receive the auction license or select a conservation organization to conduct the license auction(s). Each license will be for the 2013 license year.

To be considered, eligible conservation organizations must submit a proposal including:

- a) A statement of the wildlife conservation organization's purpose and copies of bylaws and/ or articles of incorporation; and
- b) details of the organization's previous involvement in the conservation of Shiras Moose, Mountain Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat; and
- c) details of the organization's previous experience in auctions; and
- d) information on how the auction would be conducted and an indication of potential revenue that the organization perceives will be generated and why; and
- e) a statement indicating whether the organization plans to retain the authorized 10% ~~retainer and an indication of how that revenue will be used by the organization.~~ to cover auction reasonable expenses.

To be considered, and individual's bid must contain the following information:

- a) the individual's name, address, birth date and phone number and notarized signature; and
- b) the monetary value of the bid and, if applicable, a thorough description of what is being offered in exchange for the auction license, including a basis for determining value if non-monetary; and
- b) the procedure for conveying and date of remittance of the bid amount or item to the department.

Expires on April 30, 2013 or upon the effective date of an administrative rule adopted by the commission, whichever comes first.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
MULE DEER LICENSE AND ELK LICENSE AUCTION/LOTTERY

Rules for Conducting the License Auction/Lottery

Background

The Montana State Legislature has authorized the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Commission to distribute by auction or lottery one male Mule Deer license and one male Elk license each year to provide funding for the substantial benefit of Montana's Mule Deer and Elk respectively. The legislative intent states that the FWP Commission shall:

- 1) consult with states, which have similar legislation;
- 2) strive to maximize the revenue generated by the auction;
- 3) select a method of auction which the commission perceives will best obtain the objective stated in (2) above; and
- 4) establish rules for use of the license.

To date, proposals have been solicited from wildlife conservation organizations with an interest in conducting the license auction and the commission has selected a wildlife conservation organization involved in the conservation of Montana's Mule Deer or Elk to conduct the auction/lottery. Legislation requires that at least 90% of the license auction proceeds be returned to the FWP, and the organization or individual ~~benefits from the remaining~~ may retain up to 10% of the license auction proceeds to cover reasonable auction expenses. Organizations that opt to retain the up to 10% of the proceeds will be required to submit their expenses associated with the auction of the license.

The FWP Commission has three options to conduct the auctions:

- 1) authorize the department to conduct the auction;
- 2) authorize a wildlife conservation organization to conduct the auction; or
- 3) solicit bids from individuals in addition to requests for proposals from wildlife conservation organizations to auction the licenses.

Rules to Conduct the 2013 Auction/Lottery

The FWP Commission authorizes the department to solicit proposals from wildlife conservation organizations to conduct the auction/lottery of the 2013 Mule Deer license and 2013 Elk license. In addition, the MDFWP Commission will consider bids for the auction licenses from individuals. Individual bids will be evaluated against the revenue generated through previous auctions in previous years. If an individual's bid is calculated by the commission to be comparable or greater than what might be received from the organizations submitting proposals for the license auction, the commission may award the license to that individual and not select a conservation group to conduct the auction. The commission reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals.

Procedure to be Used

The department will advertise the opportunity for individuals and organizations to submit proposals through media announcements and letters to organizations showing interest in previous years.

Individual bids for the licenses and proposals from organizations to conduct auction/lottery of a 2013 Mule Deer license and/or Elk license shall be sent to the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Attn: License Section, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701 no later than Tuesday, July 17, 2012.

During the FWP Commission meeting on August 9, 2012, the Commission may select an individual bidder to receive the auction license or select a conservation organization to conduct the license auction/lottery. Each license will be for the 2013 license year.

To be considered, eligible conservation organizations must submit a proposal including:

- a) A statement of the wildlife conservation organization's purpose and copies of bylaws and/ or articles of incorporation; and
- b) details of the organization's previous involvement in the conservation of mule deer and elk; and
- c) details of the organization's previous experience in auctions; and
- d) information on how the auction would be conducted and an indication of potential revenue that the organization perceives will be generated and why; and
- e) a statement indicating whether the organization plans to retain the authorized 10% ~~retainer and an indication of how that revenue will be used by the organization.~~ to cover auction reasonable expenses.
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To be considered, and individual's bid must contain the following information:

- a) the individual's name, address, birth date and phone number and notarized signature; and
- b) the monetary value of the bid and, if applicable, a thorough description of what is being offered in exchange for the auction license, including a basis for determining value if non-monetary; and
- c) the procedure for conveying and date of remittance of the bid amount or item to the department.

Expires on April 30, 2013 or upon the effective date of an administrative rule adopted by the commission, whichever comes first.